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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Audra Kaserne, Aiesa

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1. The Audra Kaserne, Aiesa (N 52/E 81), was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops on 17 January 1950.
2. It was said that a division headquarters, commanded by a genmaior, and a tank training unit were in the kaserne.
3. Most of the troops in the kaserne were recruits. Some elements of the tank unit stationed in the kaserne were allegedly quartered in the vicinity of Zeithain (N 52/E 81) during the mild season. About 100 T34 tanks, coming from Zeithain, allegedly moved into the kaserne during the first days of January 1950 for winter storage.
4. Twenty to twenty-five motor vehicles, including passenger cars 25X1C were seen on the parking lots in front of the kaserne.

Comment:

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a. The 25X1C confirms the Hq 9th Tank Div as being in the Audra Kaserne (also called Alte Pionier Kaserne), Aiesa, up to 17 January 1950. The mentioned genmaior may be Genmaior Garkusha who was last 25X1C as CG of the division in November 1947.

b. No information is available on the temporary transfer of tank units from Aiesa to Zeithain (for practice?). The Aiesa kasernes had been 25X1C to be occupied to capacity in mid-November 1949, upon completion of the 1949 summer and fall maneuvers.

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